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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Harrison DATE TYPED 2/7/05 HJM 16

SHORT TITLE Home Radioactivity Testing Funding SB _____

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APPROPRIATION (in \$000s)

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	NFI				

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates SJM 19 and SJM33.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Environment (NMED)
Office of the State Engineer (OSE)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Joint Memorial 16 would encourage the members of New Mexico's congressional delegation to introduce and support legislation providing for testing and monitoring of individual homes and small businesses in the area of the Shiprock and Ambrosia Lake uranium mines and requiring meaningful notification of area residents of eligibility for testing and remediation. The memorial would be transmitted to members of the congressional delegation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and Navajo Tribal Utility Authority.

Significant Issues

According to the Department of Environment (NMED), under the federal Uranium Mill Tailings Remediation and Control Act, UMTRCA was required to perform a rigorous evaluation of all of what were called "vicinity properties" surrounding the major uranium milling sites. These in-

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cluded private homes, public buildings and utility easements where mill tailings were found. These sites have already been remediated, mostly back in the 1980s. The DOE Office of Legacy Management in Grand Junction, Colorado performs annual assessments of remediated uranium sites, including four locations in New Mexico. When this office identifies problems that relate to the legacy of the federal government's search for uranium resources they have some ability to address them under their mandate. More information can be found at:

<http://www.gjo.doe.gov/LM/sites/maps/nm/nm.htm>. Two fact sheets from this website about the Shiprock and Ambrosia Lake uranium mine remediation are attached.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

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TECHNICAL ISSUES

According to NMED, the memorial incorrectly states that the federal program referenced above (UMTRCA) concerns the remediation of Uranium mining sites, when in fact it addressed Uranium milling sites.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

1. Does the federal Uranium Mill Tailings Remediation and Control Act provide sufficient statutory authority to address the concerns raised in this memorial?

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Attachment